

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **SB 2947 - HB 3204**

March 29, 2004

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes municipalities and public utilities to participate in the advance treatment systems (ATS) pilot project study created in 2000. Requires wastewater treatment authorities, municipalities and public utilities to assume perpetual ownership, maintenance and operation of advanced treatment systems. Under current law, the property owner is required to properly maintain such system.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### **Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Less than \$100,000 / Permissive**

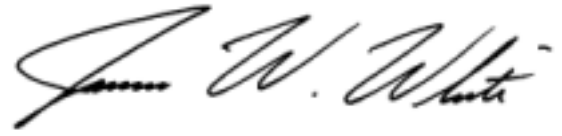
Estimate assumes:

- to the extent municipalities or public utilities choose to participate in the study they will experience increased expenditures associated with such study estimated to be not significant.
- provisions of the bill require participating authorities, municipalities and public utilities to assume ownership and maintain advanced treatment systems resulting in an increase in expenditures for such maintenance. The bill does not specifically address whether the authority, municipality or utility must reimburse the owner for the cost of construction of the ATS. To the extent these entities reimburse the property owner for the construction of the ATS for which they are assuming ownership they will experience a one-time increase in expenditures. Such entities will also experience a recurring increase in expenditures for maintenance of such systems. The annual increase in local government expenditures is estimated to be less than \$100,000.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director